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(57) Abstract: The method of the invention is useful in quantifying the absolute or relative number of unique molecules present in a sample after carrying out an analysis procedure on the sample, and comprises the steps of: (i) attaching a unique molecular tag to substantially all of the molecules in the sample; (ii) carrying out the analysis procedure using the molecules of the sample; and (iii) on the basis of the molecular tags determining the absolute or relative number of unique molecules present in the original sample which underwent the analysis procedure.

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